PREGNANT SCOTTSDALE FIREFIGHTER, PHOENIX POLICE OFFICER AND UA DOCTOR SAVE MAN AT SKY HARBOR AIRPORT

** *PATIENT'S WIFE, RESCUERS DESCRIBE INCREDIBLE STORY OF SURVIVAL* **

* <u>**WHERE/WHEN**</u>: **WEDNESDAY, May 17 at 10 a.m.** at Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport, Terminal Four, level one baggage claim, east end near carousel one.

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A medical resident from the University of Arizona, an off-duty pregnant Scottsdale firefighter returning from her vacation and a Phoenix Police officer saved the life of a 54-year-old man with the help of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. The man was on the baggage claim level of Terminal 4 shortly after 11:30 p.m. on May 10 when he collapsed and went into cardiac arrest. The doctor and the Scottsdale firefighter immediately began chest compressions while a bystander grabbed a nearby AED. The Phoenix police officer assisted with rescue breaths shortly before the man miraculously began breathing and started talking to the people who saved his life. Rescue personnel from the airport's Fire Station 19 treated the man before he was transported to a Valley hospital.

This is the 14th time a life has been saved with an AED at Sky Harbor since December 2000, when the devices were installed. Sky Harbor has more than 55 AED's available in public areas and employee work spaces. In addition, the University of Arizona doctor and Scottsdale firefighter utilized a new method of CPR known as Continuous Chest Compression Resuscitation. The revolutionary CCCR method was developed at UA and is being taught in Scottsdale and throughout the state.